

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concerning allocation and control of certain catch quotas for vessels
flying the flag of a Member State and fishing the Regulatory Area
defined in the NAFO Convention

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its annual meeting in June 1979 the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) adopted proposals for catch quotas for the year 1980 of certain fish stocks occurring in the Regulatory Area defined in the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, to which the Community is a Contracting Party. With one exception these proposals became measures binding upon all Contracting Parties to the Convention on 19 September 1979. Consequently the Community is bound to adopt appropriate measures to implement the catch limitations provided for in the proposals concerned. This is the purpose of the present proposal.
2. The Community itself objected to a proposal concerning the allocation of quotas for redfish in NAFO division 3M, in view of the fact that no quota had been allocated to the Community despite its historical fishing performance for the stock concerned, whereas other member countries of NAFO which had little or no record of fishing had been accorded quotas. Consequently the Community is not bound by the relevant NAFO measures limiting catches of this species. The Commission proposes, however, that, in conformity with the declaration made by the Community delegation at the time that this recommendation was adopted by the NAFO Fisheries Commission, the Community restrict the catches of Community vessels fishing this stock to a quantity which corresponds to the proportion of the stock traditionally taken by Community vessels, that is, to 2,000 tons.
3. The other elements of the proposed regulation, concerning measures to ensure adequate control of fishing activity in the Regulatory Area, are unchanged from the provisions of the Regulation already proposed by the Commission for 1979, which will shortly be adopted by the Council.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic
Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

(¹)

Whereas the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, hereinafter referred to as the NAFO Convention, has been approved by the Council in its Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 (1);

Whereas the NAFO Convention entered into force on 1 January 1979;

Whereas the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization adopted on 7 June 1979 a proposal establishing limitations for catches of certain species in the Regulatory Area for 1980, which, with the exception of the proposal concerning redfish in Division 3M, became a measure binding upon the Community on 9 August 1979;

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Community to take appropriate steps to ensure compliance by Community vessels with the said measure;

Whereas although the Community has objected to the proposal regarding allocations of redfish in Division 3M, and is not bound by the measure in question, it is appropriate that the Community fix a catch quota for this stock for its vessels in 1980 which corresponds to their traditional share of the fishery;

Whereas, to facilitate the administration of the Community catch quota, this quota should be allocated between Member States;

Whereas this allocation should ensure an equitable distribution of fishing possibilities between Member States;

Whereas information about catches by Community vessels should be made available to their respective Member States in order to ensure that these quotas are complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(1) OJ No L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1.

Article 1

1. During the period 1 January to 31 December 1980, catches of the species mentioned in Annex I by vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the Community in the Regulatory Area as defined in Article 1(2) of the NAFO Convention(1) shall be limited, within the parts of the Regulatory Area referred to in the said Annex, to the quotas set out therein.
2. By-catches of the species referred to in Annex I taken in those areas in which no allocation for a directed fishery is provided by this Regulation shall not exceed for each of those species on board the vessel 2 500 kg or 10 per cent by weight for each species of all fish on board the vessel, whichever is the greater.

Article 2

1. Vessels fishing in the area referred to in Article 1 shall keep a logbook in which the information specified in Annex II is to be entered.
2. Vessels fishing in the area referred to in Article 1 shall transmit to the authorities of their flag state by the sixteenth day of each month in respect of the first half of that month and by the first day of each month in respect of the second half of the preceding month reports concerning their catches in the said area. Such reports shall give catches in tonnes by species and quota area for the period covered by the report.

(1) OJ No L 378, 30.12.78, p. 2.

3. In addition to the reports transmitted in accordance with paragraph 2, vessels fishing in the area referred to in Article 1 shall transmit reports concerning their catches from any quota referred to in footnote 1 of Annex I in increments of 25 tonnes.

Article 3

1. Member States shall transmit regularly to the Commission the reports of vessels flying their flag which have been made in accordance with Article 2(2). Reports received in respect of the first half of each month shall be transmitted to the Commission by the twentieth day of the same month and those received in respect of the second half of each month shall be transmitted by the fifth day of the following month.
2. Reports received in accordance with Article 2(3) shall be transmitted without delay to the Commission.
3. Member States shall transmit to the Commission by the twentieth day of each month information concerning the landings made during the previous month by vessels flying their flag fishing in the area referred to in Article 1.

Article 4

1. Member States shall inform the Commission of all vessels flying their flag which intend to engage in fishing or in the treatment of sea fish in the area referred to in Article 1 at least 30 days before the intended commencement of such activity. This information shall include:

- (a) name of vessel;
- (b) official number of the vessel registered by the appropriate national authorities;
- (c) home port of the vessel;
- (d) owner or charterer of the vessel;
- (e) a declaration that the master has been provided with a copy of the regulations in force in the Regulatory Area;
- (f) principal target species of the vessel while fishing within the Regulatory Area;
- (g) sub-areas where the vessel will be expected to fish.

2. The Commission shall transmit the information received from Member States in accordance with paragraph 1 to the Executive Secretary of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Secretary"..

Article 5

1. In the case of quotas referred to in Article 2(3), the Commission shall report to the Executive Secretary in increments of 100 tonnes the catches taken by Community vessels.
2. When informed by the Executive Secretary that one of the quotas referred to in paragraph 1 has been fully utilized, the Commission shall so inform the Member States, which shall take appropriate measures to ensure that fishing by vessels flying their flag for the stock concerned shall cease within ten days of the date of receipt by the Commission of the information from the Executive Secretary.

3. If the Commission has reason to believe, on the basis of the information received from the Member States, that the quota concerned has been fully utilized, it shall, without waiting for the notification from the Executive Secretary, so inform the Member States, which shall take appropriate measures to ensure that fishing by vessels flying their flag for the stock in question shall cease without delay.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply until 31 December 1980.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Catch quotas for the period 1 January to 31 December 1980.

<u>Species</u>	<u>NAFO Division</u>	<u>Quotas (tonnes)</u>	
Atlantic Cod	3M	France	450 (1)
		Federal Republic of Germany	1 955 (1)
American Plaice	3 LNO	France (Saint Pierre et Miquelon)	No directed fishery
	3 LNO	France	700 (3)
	3 M	EEC	500 (2)
Yellowtail Flounder	3 LNO	France	400 (3)
Redfish	3 M	France	150
		Federal Republic of Germany	20
		Ireland	730
		United Kingdom	1 030

(1) For the period 1 January to 30 April 1980 only.

(2) This quota has not been allocated exclusively to Community vessels but to all Contracting Parties to NAFO having no specific allocation, including the Community. Fishing by Community vessels shall thus be suspended once the Community has been informed that the total quota has been exhausted.

(3) Less any quantity taken by Community vessels in the parts of NAFO sub-areas falling within areas of national fisheries jurisdiction.

Required Logbook Entries

Vessel name

Vessel nationality

Vessel registration number

Home port

Types of gear used (daily)

Type of gear

Date - day

- month

- year

Situation - latitude and longitude

or

- statistical area

(*) No of hauls during the 24-hour period

(*) No of hours gear fished during the 24-hour period

Names of species

Daily catch of each species (tonnes live weight)

Daily catch of each species for human consumption in the form of fish

Daily catch of each species for reduction

Daily discard of each species

Cumulative catch of each species (tonnes live weight)

Place(s) of landing or trans-shipment

Date(s) of landing or trans-shipment

Master's signature

(*) When two or more types of gear are used in the same 24-hour period, records should be separate for each type.

